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ROADS AND CROPS

(U. S. Dept. Agriculture.)

That an improved road will increase vastly the productiveness of the area through which it runs has now been satisfactorily demonstrated by studies conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture in Virginia. Conditions in Spotsylvania County were investigated with particular care, and the results have proved surprising. In 1909 the county voted \$100,000 to improve 40 miles of road. Two years after the completion of this work the railroad took away in 12 months from Fredericksburg, the county seat, 71,000 tons of agricultural and forest products hauled over the highways to that town. Before the improvement of the roads this total was only 49,000 tons annually; in other words, the quantity of the county's produce had risen more than 45 per cent. Still more interesting, however, is the increase shown in the quantity of the dairy products. In 1909 these amounted to 116,815 pounds, in 1911 to 273,027 pounds, an increase of practically 140 per cent two years. In the same time shipments of wheat has increased 59 per cent, tobacco 31 per cent, and lumber and other forest products 48 per cent.

In addition to this increase in quantity the cost of hauling each ton of produce was materially reduced. In other words, the farmers not only produce more, but produce more cheaply, for the cost of transportation to the market is of course an important factor in the cost of production. From this point of view, it is estimated that the \$100,000 spent in improving the roads in Spotsylvania County saved the farmers of that county \$41,000 a year.

In the past two years the traffic studies of the Federal experts show that approximately an average of 65,000 tons of outgoing products were hauled over the improved roads in the county an average distance of 8 miles, or a total of 520,000 "ton-miles." Before the roads were improved it was estimated that the average cost of hauling was 20 cents a "ton-mile" after the improvement this fell to 12 cents a "ton-mile," or a saving of 8 cents. A saving of 8 cents per mile on 250,000 "ton-miles" is \$11,000 a year. The county's investment of \$100,000 in other words returns a dividend of 40 per cent annually.

Because this saving, in cases of this character, does not take the form of cash put directly into the farmer's pocket there is a widespread tendency to believe that it is fictitious profit, while as a matter of fact it is just as real a source of profit as an increase in the price of wheat.

In Dinwiddie County, Va., for example, where peanuts are one of the staple crops, the average load for two mules on a main road was about 1,000 pounds before the road was improved. After its improvement the average load was found to be 2,000 pounds, and the time consumed in hauling the larger load to market was much reduced. In other words, one man with a wagon and two mules could do more than twice as much work with the improved road than with an unimproved road. This is the explanation of the extraordinary rise in the total output of agricultural products in a county with a good road system.

Theodore and Jess Hoke, of Greenbrier county, who have been patients at the Hinton Hospital for several weeks, suffering from pistol shot wounds, inflicted by the sheriff of Pocahontas county and his deputy, when they resisted arrest, are doing nicely and are considered out of danger.—Hinton Leader.

Slim Pickens came into Hog-wallow yesterday morning and after resting a while on the front porch, bought fifteen cents worth of bologna sausage. Cricket Hicks, an old friend, came up and hesitated, but Slim did not recognize him until the sausage was all gone.—Moorefield Examiner.

Note the coiffure of the girls. First they had the puffs and swirls. Then they had the fishhook curls (To lure us into dangers.) But, ah! the situation clears. The tango coiffure now appears. And we see milady's long lost ears—Welcome little strangers.—Selected.

Miss Genevieve McClintic, daughter of Dr. McClintic is one of the American tourists in Europe, whose pleasure is bound to be marred on account of the war frenzy of the European countries. Her party expected to be in Germany by the first of August but it is almost certain that the route has been changed.

CIRCUIT COURT

LAW ORDERS

B. B. Hamrick, vs C. P. Dorr, continued.

State of West Virginia vs Dornick Dondrea, plea of guilty, 2 months in jail.

State vs Mike Long, not guilty.

State vs Ed Lyons three years in penitentiary.

State vs Salvatore Cervone, judgment of Scire Facias.

G. A. C. Aldridge and Asa Barlow appointed trustees Methodist Church at Edray.

F. M. White and Uriah W. Beverage were appointed Trustees at West Union church.

W. A. Barlow was appointed trustee for Hamlin church.

N. C. Rogers and Porter Kellison were appointed trustees for Bethel Methodist church at Swago.

State vs Tony Sgattone, guilty, six months in jail, \$300. fine.

State vs H. F. Kromer, dismissed.

State vs Joe Frank, not guilty.

State vs Tyler Simm, plea of guilty, \$15.00 fine.

State vs Dick Gabbert, nolle.

Sheets and Edgar vs C. & O. R. Co., dismissed, settled.

W. H. Aldridge, vs C. & O. R. Co.

State vs Walter Adkins, guilty, two months in jail.

State vs James Massemno, guilty, three months in jail, \$100 fine.

State vs Tom Patterson, not guilty.

State vs J. F. Folks, plea of guilty, fine \$20.

County Court of Pocahontas County vs E. L. Callahan, dismissed.

Pocahontas Bank vs Bella F. Yeager, et al. dismissed.

Bank of Marlinton vs R. S. Wenger, et als. judgment \$513.00.

Joyner Wits & Co. vs S. S. Payne, appeal, dismissed.

Pocahontas Development Co. vs J. C. Dilley, dismissed, settled.

Roy Edmiston vs J. H. Lamb, et als, appeal, dismissed.

S. J. Payne vs D. A. Gladwell, dismissed, settled.

J. M. Colaw vs J. A. Hiner, W. B. Corbett, property attached by J. A. Hiner, ordered sold to satisfy his debt.

J. M. Colaw vs J. A. Hiner, et al. property attached by J. A. Hiner, ordered sold to satisfy his debt.

John T. McGraw vs W. C. & N. U. Bond, non-suited.

D. A. McNeil & Sons vs G. E. Madison, judgment for plaintiff \$118.37.

Hevener & Dudley vs C. M. and W. C. Greathouse, et als, judgment for plaintiff \$4817.47.

W. W. Arbogast vs R. S. Wenger, judgment for plaintiff, \$1066.67.

M. N. McKee vs Adams express Company, judgment for plaintiff \$54.40.

J. W. Hill was appointed a commissioner of the Circuit Court to settle with the sheriff.

Melissa Wees vs C. & O. Ry. Co., dismissed, settled.

State vs John Adrian, judgment of Scire Facias.

State vs Andy Zoffon, same order.

State vs Andy Autelz, same order.

CHANCERY ORDERS

B. F. Hamilton vs Allen Gay, et als. judgment on suggestion \$127.51.

Winston Gibson vs David Varner, answer filed.

G. L. Hannah, exr. vs W. H. Hannah, et als, Commissioners final report excepted.

Joseph Ruffner, vs Samuel B. Woods, dismissed, settled.

Farmers Supply Co., vs Isaac Jackson, et als. writ of possession awarded S. J. Payne.

Bank of Marlinton vs E. D. Burner, et als. decree of sale.

Charley Friel vs Ira Shinnaberry, decree of sale.

Mary E. Collins, vs Frank Collins, decree of divorce.

Emma G. Patterson, vs J. H. White, et als, decree of sale set aside.

J. W. Oliver, vs R. C. Oliver, judgment for plaintiff \$724.20.

Nellie Shaver vs Iverson Shaver decree of divorce.

Gertrude Murphy vs M. A. Murphy, decree of divorce.

James Barkley vs Ellen Barkley, divorce from bed and board.

Florence Morgan vs Edgar R. Morgan, decree of divorce.

C. L. C. Burner, Admr., vs Minnie Burner et als. Dismissed.

M. A. Galford, Admr. vs Arthur Galford et als. Decree of sale.

Sidney Hocks became intoxicated Saturday evening and tried to drive his yoke of steers into the postoffice, but failed on account of the door being too narrow.

There have been many other complaints recently on account of the narrowness of the door at the postoffice.—Moorefield Examiner.

HON. WM. CURRY, DEAD

Wm. Curry died at his home at Huntersville Saturday night, August 1, 1914, of the infirmities of age. Since November his health has been failing and his death came not unexpectedly. To the last he retained his mental faculties to a remarkable degree. Had he lived until November he would have been 93 years old, having been born in 1821.

He was a son of John and Jane Curry and was born on Back Creek in Highland county. In 1853 he came to Pocahontas county, settling at Huntersville. Just before the war he was elected clerk of the courts of Pocahontas county, it is due to him that the records of the county were not destroyed. He carried them from place to place, hiding them away.

William Curry married Miss Lucy Hill, daughter of Joel Hill. She died a few years ago. They are survived by their children, Mrs. J. S. McNeel, of the Levels; Mrs. Wade, of Highland county, and Sherman P. Curry, of Huntersville.

For many years Mr. Curry was a consistent, conscientious christian, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He joined the church under the ministry of the late Rev. John C. Barr, D. D., of Charleston.

On Monday, the body of Mr. Curry was laid to rest in the Huntersville cemetery, near his late home, in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives. The services being conducted by the Rev. J. C. Johnson, of the Oak Grove Church, in the absence of Mr. Curry's own pastor.

In a coming paper we hope to be able to publish an extended notice of the long useful life of this remarkable man.

Oh, Mother of a Mighty Race

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

O, mother of a mighty race,
Yet lovely in thy youthful grace!

The elder dames, thy haughty peers,
Admire and hate thy blooming years;

With words of shame
And taunts of scorn they join thy name.

For on thy cheeks the glow is spread
That tints the morning hills with red;

Thy step—the wild deer's rustling feet
Within thy woods, are not more fleet;

Thy hopeful eye
Is bright as thine own sunny sky.

Ay, let them rail—those haughty ones—
While safe thou dwellest with thy sons.

They do not know how loved thou art—
How many a fond and fearless heart

Would rise to throw
Its life between thee and the foe!

They know not in their hate and pride,
What virtues with thy children bide;

How true, how good, thy graceful maids
Make bright, like flowers, the valley shades;

What generous men
Spring, like thine oaks, by hill and glen.

What cordial welcomes greet the guest
By the lone rivers of the west;

How faith is kept and truth revered,
And man is loved and God is feared,
In woodland homes,
And where the solemn ocean foams!

There's freedom at thy gates, and rest
For earth's down-trodden and oppressed,

A shelter for the hunted head,
For the starved laborer toll and bread;

Power at thy bounds,
Stops and calls back his baffled hounds.

Oh, fair young mother! on thy brow
Shall sit a nobler grace than now.

Deep in the brightness of thy skies
The thronging years in glory rise,
And, as they fleet,
Drop strength and riches at thy feet.

Thine eye with every coming hour
Shall brighten, and thy form shall tower;

And when thy sisters, elder born,
Would brand thy name with words of scorn,

Before thine eye,
Upon their lips the taunt shall die!

Letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Marlinton. In calling for any letter in this list please say that it was advertised.

M. W. Williams, Blake Shifflet, Will Rose, Charley Knarr, M. B. Hays, Miss Effie Freeland, Wm. E. Easter, C. F. Caplinger, W. A. Clark, Miss Ettie Baker, Thomas C. Barber, 2.

Marlinton Methodist Church, J. Herbert Bean, pastor. Sunday August 9: 10 a. m. Sunday School, 11 a. m. sermon by pastor. Subject: "Some Sabbath Day Privileges and Blessings." 8 p. m. sermon by pastor; subject: "The New Birth." Public cordially invited to all services.

THE LUMBER BUSINESS

The Hinton Leader, Republican, pessimistic, misanthropic, calamitous, and congenitally deceitful, has a long article on the depression in the lumber business in West Virginia, in which it states that ninety percent of the big sawmills in West Virginia have closed down and that Pocahontas county is especially hard hit and is not shipping over a third as much lumber as usual. Pocahontas is the home of the big mills and every one of the big mills is running full capacity and has been all summer. The big mills of the Wam Lumber Company, the Campbell Lumber Company, and Gillfillan, Neill & Company closed down this year but not before they had cut the last tree on their lands and each is preparing to move to another tract. The Wam Corporation is building its mill anew at the mouth of Sittling Creek and the Campbell people are hunting timber in Kentucky. A. D. Neill has a large tract on the head of Thorny Creek that will come in when the work at May is finished.

The shipments of lumber from this county have been larger this year than ever before. The trains have been longer and more of them. We are informed by a lumber operator located in the lower end of the county that his main trouble was that the trains were too long by the time they reached him to take his cars, and had to wait for another opportunity.

In Pocahontas county there were more mills started this year than ever before in the history of the county. The Mountain Lick Lumber Company, Virginia Lumber Company, F. S. Wise & Sons, Spice Run Lumber Company, Wam Corporation are each lumber operations of the largest size, which have started within the last twelve months, and demand for labor is at its highest point.

The lumber market is unusually active for the time of year. Lumber is bought in large quantities only twice in the year, in the spring and fall, but the demand has kept up unusually well.

It would be unkind of us to say that Hinton has lost its chief industry, even if it was so. We deny that a Hinton paper is any authority on the lumber business any more. Before July 1, it seemed to us that city's connection with the lumber woods of Pocahontas county was the selling of liquor to the wood hicks, and fining them in the police court, getting them both coming and going. If fewer customers from out woods appear in Hinton, the cause is not necessarily that there are no more camps here. The real reason can be looked for in the spoiling of the lick.

Instead of ninety per cent of the mills being closed, the last twelve months is the best year that the lumber business of Pocahontas has ever had.

Highest temperature for July was 92 on the 12th and the lowest 43 on the 31st. Greatest daily range, 35 on the 22nd, and least daily range, 9 on the 17th. Average temperature for the month was 70 degrees. Normal for the month 70.5. Maximum for 16 years 94, minimum 43. Total rainfall (at Elkins) 7.74. Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 2.9 on the 14th and 15th. Normal rainfall for the month 4.64 inches. Greatest rainfall for month in 16 years was 11.10 inches in July, 1907, and smallest in same time was 2.98 inches in 1901. Prevailing winds from the west with an average hourly velocity of 2.9 miles. Clear days 9, partly cloudy 13, cloudy 9. No frost. Fog on 10 days. 11 thunderstorms.

The attention of the "Powers" of the county should be called to the fact that there are rumors of the mobilization of the army worm on the borders of the county.

OWN YOUR HOME

There's a home for you if you'll only save and bank for it.

Sure it will require some self denial, but it means future happiness.

START AN ACCOUNT

and let us help you save. It is the sure way to succeed.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Marlinton, W. Va.

THE WAR AND U. S.

London, August 2.—The Statist, Europe's leading financial newspaper, says:

"A great war in Europe will probably bring economic advantages to the United States. It will enable it to sell its great crops in places which will give a much greater income than if there was no war.

"Almost every industry will derive more or less advantage. American investors and bankers should get in much profit from ability to buy back from Europe great quantities of securities at attractive prices in payment for the foodstuffs and raw material exported from the United States.

"The United States can become as it has this week the world's greatest market for capital and if the American people can rise to their opportunity they can do a great deal to mitigate the disastrous economic consequences which would otherwise result in many countries from a great European war.

"It is obvious that for the time being the money markets of Europe will be closed to the demands for new capital of Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and other countries, and at such a time the prestige of the United States would be immensely enhanced if it were to take the place of Europe and meet the pressing needs of these borrowing countries.

"It is possible that the United States may participate in the great loans that have to be raised in Europe if almost the whole continent becomes engaged in war. Possibly the participation will be indirect rather than direct.

"For the United States to gain benefit from the position as the wealthiest nation in the world, it is essential that American investors should not only have confidence in the future of their own country, but also believe that war or no war, the world will continue to progress.

"In brief, a great war in Europe will give the United States an opportunity of assuming the post of world banker, by supplying capital freely to countries and individuals in all parts of the globe who need it and can provide the required security. Should the American people take advantage of the golden opportunity afforded them by the outbreak of war, it will mean not diminished but increased prosperity for the United States."

WANTED.—A Tame Tory who will undertake to write scathing criticisms on the policy of his own party. Meals supplied on premises. Sleep in. Address, Offices of Westminster Gazette.

A TRIBUTE

The subject of this sketch, Albert Hansford Ray, departed this life by drowning in the Greenbrier river at Woodman, W. Va., July 24, 1914.

He went in bathing, and not being able to swim, got beyond his depth and drowned before help reached him. Although loving hands worked faithfully to resuscitate him, but all in vain; the vital spark had fled.

His untimely death is mourned by a loving family of father, mother, five brothers and three sisters and many friends.

While he had only been a resident of Woodman a very short while, coming here from Pocahontas county, where for the past two years he taught school very successfully, he had endeared himself to many by his amiable disposition—a smile and kind words to all he met was his greeting.

Though only entering into early manhood, as he was only a little more than 19 years old, he was an example for his elders in being a believer in Christ, and kind to his fellowmen. He was a devoted christian. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to his aged parents, his brothers and sisters in their sad bereavement.

He was interred in Frankford cemetery, and was followed to his last resting place by a large concourse of loving friends, and may they in this sad dispensation of Providence, join in the poets beautiful words.

"What though in lonely grief I sigh,

For one beloved, no longer nigh,

Submissive still would I reply,

"Thy will be done."

Let but my fainting heart be blest

With thy sweet spirit for its guest,

My God, to Thee I leave the rest.

"Thy will be done."

Renew my will from day to day;

Blend it with thine, and take away

All now that makes it hard to say

"Thy will be done."

A FRIEND.

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Deed of Trust Sale

By virtue of a Deed of Trust, dated on the 11th day of August, 1913, made by A. B. Laraway to the undersigned Frank Sexton as Trustee, and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book No. 8, at Page 414, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on

Saturday, August 29, 1914

commencing at 1 30 o'clock p. m., at the front door of the Court House of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, the following described personal property:

One black horse, named "Jim," 7 years old, weight 1350 pounds; One bay horse, named "Charlie," 9 years old, weight 1330 pounds; being the same horses sold to the said A. B. Laraway by L. C. Mullins and W. B. Tyree on the 11th day of August, 1913.

Terms of Sale—Cash on day of sale. This the 30th day of July, 1914.
FRANK SEXTON, Trustee.

Sheriff's Sale

Price, Osanton & Horan vs Brushy Run Lumber Co. a corporation

The undersigned Sheriff, in pursuance of the decree entered in the above styled chancery cause on the 10th day of April, 1914, will, on the 29th day of August, 1914,

offer for sale on the premises of the said Brushy Run Lumber Company, located near Boyer Siding, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, at public auction to the highest bidder, the following property:

1 Band Saw